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SUBJECT: OAPEC VISITOR TO US

REF: KUWAIT 1820

1. REFTEL DISCUSSED PLANS BY OAPEC TO LOOK INTO QUESTIONS OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND ALTERNATIVE USES OF PETROLEUM. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL OAPEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AUTHORIZED SYG TO STUDY ESTABLISHMENT OF OAPEC ENERGY INSTITUTE OR CENTER.

2. OAPEC OFFICIAL MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH PROJECT ON WORKING LEVEL IS USAMA JAMALI, A US CITIZEN. JAMALI WILL BE VISITING US TO ATTEND UN SYMPOSIUM ON GEOTHERMAL ENERGY BEING HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MAY 19-29. HE WILL BE MEETING WITH OAPEC CONSULTANT, INSTITUTE OF GAS TECHNOLOGY, IN CHICAGO MAY 30-JUNE 1, AND HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING FIRST WEEK IN JUNE.

3. JAMALI HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING APPROPRIATE US
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OFFICIALS FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT

MEETINGS BE ARRANGED WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN FEA, STATE, ERDA AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY. JAMALI WISHES TO MEET WITH JOSEPH STORY IN FEA, AND IF POSSIBLE WITH NELSON SIEVERING IN ERDA. HE WILL BE LEAVING KUWAIT FOR JAPAN MAY 7, AND WE HAVE ADVISED HIM TO TELEPHONE NEA/ARP (LUMSDEN) FROM CHICAGO.

4. COMMENT: JAMALI IS SERIOUS ECONOMIST WHO UNTIL RECENTLY TAUGHT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY, AND HE HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN KUWAIT A FEW MONTHS AGO. EMBASSY BELIEVES HIS VISIT COULD PROVIDE USEFUL OCCASION TO INITIATE QUIET AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OEAPEC ON ENERGY MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE ARRANGE MEETINGS AS REQUESTED PARA 3.
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